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1. TEXT OF QUOTE CONSENSUS UNQUOTE RESOLUTION PROVIDED REFTEL
CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVELY CONSIDERED AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICAN AND ASIAN GROUPS HAVE AGREED TO TEXT
IN SLIGHTLY CHANGED FORM. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI SOURCE,
WEO GROUPS WILL ALSO AGREE TO IT. LATIN AMERICANS APPEAR
TO BE DIVIDED ALTHOUGH ACCORDING TO EGYPT DEL SOURCE SUB-
STANTIAL MAJORITY AMONG LATINS WILL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.
AGUILAR OF VENEZUELA INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR STEVENSON THAT
APPREHENSIONS OF CHILE, BRAZIL AND OTHERS MAY BE EASED BY
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CHANGING LANGUAGE TO NAME ARAB LEAGUE AND OAU SPECIFICALLY AS

RECOGNIZING REGIONAL ORGANIZATION. THERE SEEMS TO BE CONCERN AMONG SOME DELS THAT ADMISSION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, EVEN AS OBSERVERS, MAY RISK INTRODUCTION OF DIFFICULT MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL ISSUES INTO CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS AND SOME EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN PRIOR COMMITMENT THAT THIS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. AT EGYPTIAN DEL REQUEST, AMBASSADOR STEVENSON MET WITH AMBASSADOR SHAFFIE ABDEL HAMID, CHIEF OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. HAMID SAID ARABS DID NOT WANT TO DISRUPT CONFERENCE OR EMBARRASS HOST GOVERNMENT AND THEREFORE FELT THAT BEST METHOD TO SECURE INVITATION WOULD BE THROUGH CONSENSUS. HE URGED THAT US DEL PERSUADE ISRAELIS NOT TO FORCE ISSUE TO A VOTE. STEVENSON STATED THAT US REGRETS THAT THE ISSUE IS BEING RAISED IN CONFERENCE AND WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD THAT US DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM INVITATION TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HAMID SAID THAT US STATEMENT FOLLOWING A CONSENSUS ADOPTION WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM AND WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. HE STATED THAT EGYPTIAN DEL WOULD DO WHAT WAS POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT NEWLY ADMITTED OBSERVERS WOULD NOT INTRODUCE EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES INTO CONFERENCE AND DISRUPT ITS PROCEEDINGS.

3. CHAIRMAN OF ISRAELI DEL INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR STEVENSON TODAY THAT ISRAELIS WERE STILL INTENT ON INSISTING THAT ISSUE BE PUT TO A VOTE AND COULD LEND ITSELF TO LEGAL ARGUMENT AGAINST CONFERENCE COMPETENCE. HE STATED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WOULD BE OVERWHELMING VOTE IN SUPPORT OF INVITATION. ISRAELI DEL STATED TO US DEL OFFICER THAT WHAT COUNTED WAS THE VOTES OF A FEW KEY COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY THE US. HE ADDED FURTHER THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF IN WASHINGTON.

4. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. HE ADVISED AMBASSADOR STEVENSON THAT THE INVITATION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO INCLUDE IN SOME FORM SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WERE TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS SINCE THIS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF ORGANIZATION. WHEN AMBASSADOR STEVENSON IN-

DICATED THAT SUCH A SPECIFIC REFERENCE WOULD CAUSE PROBLEM FOR USG, HE STATED GENEVA LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE RULES HAD PROVIDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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LIBERATION MOVEMENT RECOGNIZED BY REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INVITED BY THE CONFERENCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION. STEVENSON

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